



Migration and Crisis in Europe

Call for Papers - Sociology Special Issue

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Deadline for submission of full papers: 13 March 2017

We invite research manuscripts for inclusion in a special issue entitled 'Migration and Crisis in Europe' to be edited by Nick Dines, Nicola Montagna and Elena Vacchelli (all currently based in the Department of Criminology and Sociology at Middlesex University) to be published in *Sociology* in 2018, the flagship journal of the British Sociological Association.

It is generally held that over the last decade Europe has endured and has been reshaped by multiple, overlapping crises. Key defining moments during this period - from the rollout of austerity politics to popular protests in cities across Europe - have been read through the prism of an unfolding global financial crisis, while the European Union has found itself increasingly embroiled in institutional crises that, in the words of a former Greek finance minister, test its very survival. Most recently, in response to the dramatic increase in people crossing (and dying) in the Mediterranean Sea and moving onward to northern Europe, it has become common among politicians, the media and academics to speak of an unprecedented 'refugee' or 'migrant crisis', which highlights as much Europe's capacity and willingness to respond to this human movement as it is about the actual numbers of arrivals. But migrants have also already experienced most acutely the impacts of a decade of crises - often being hit hardest by job losses or welfare cuts - while the ensuing political, economic and legal fallout has given rise to new patterns of mobility into, within and out of the EU.

This special issue wants to critically examine how the relationship between migration and different dimensions of crisis has played out in the context of Europe over the last ten years. Europe is not understood simply as the geographical setting of various crises, but also as a political and cultural entity that has found itself in crisis, including as a result of the challenges posed by migratory movements. Meanwhile, crisis does not simply describe a set of conjunctures, but is specifically understood here to concomitantly operate as a powerful narrative device that, when invoked, produces a set of meanings that structure knowledge of social phenomena and, crucially, shape policy decisions and governance structures.

We are thus interested to explore how migration has been differently affected by, and has responded to economic, social and political crises across Europe. But we are also concerned to understand how the proliferation of 'crisis talk' has influenced public and critical perceptions of migratory phenomena, from highlighting particular conspicuous features to obscuring continuities and longer-term developments or rendering structural questions exceptional. How have migrants and migrant organisations themselves appropriated discourses about crisis for political ends? And if there is a

tendency among politicians and media to now speak of a post-crisis economic recovery, what might 'post-crisis migration' entail?

A special issue in 2018 will offer an important moment to take stock of the dramatic events involving refugees that have been unfolding recently across the continent, as well as an opportunity to make sense of the ways in which migration in Europe has evolved and been reconceptualised during our crisis-prone era. It is our firm belief that rigorous sociological analysis can make a crucial contribution to this end. Proposals should combine original empirical research with theoretical/critical reflections upon the idea of crisis in relation to migration in Europe. Papers may be case or country-specific or explore Europe more broadly. Moreover, they may examine the key themes - borders, labour and social reproduction - through a particular perspective, e.g. gender and sexuality.

Relevant topics might include:

- Response of migrants and migrant organisations to the economic crisis.
- New forms of labour mobility and the transformation of migrant labour markets.
- Migration solidarity movements and/or anti-migration politics in light of the current 'humanitarian crisis'.
- Migration and social reproduction in a context of economic crisis and welfare restructuring.
- Interpreting the transformation of EU migration and border management through the perspective of crisis.
- Changing internal and external borders in the light of current migratory flows.
- The politics of humanitarianism and/or securitization.

Submission Details:

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